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SUBJ: UNDP--17TH GOVERNING COUNCIL, ITEM 10 ACTION BY

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1. SUMMARY. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JAN 28 CONCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 10, ACTION IN 1973 BY UN ORGANS OF INTEREST TO UNDP, BY ADOPTING DRAFT DECISION ON AID TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. GOVERNING COUNCIL CONCLUDED DISCUSSION OF ITEM 10, ACTION TAKEN IN 1973 BY ORGANS OF THE UN AND RELATED AGENCIES REQUIRING ACTION BY OR OF INTEREST TO THE UNDP BY:

(1) TAKING NOTE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S STATEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARATION ON GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH UN;

(2) REQUESTING ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT TO 18TH SESSION WRITTEN REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE IN THIS RESPECT, INCLUDING FINANCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS AND ON RESULTS OF ONGOING CONSULTATIONS WITH OAU; AND
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(3) REQUESTING THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATION OF GA IN RESOLUTION 3118 (XXVIII) COUNTERPART OBLIGATIONS NORMALLY REQUIRED OF SPONSORING GOVERNMENTS BE WAIVED IN RESPECT OF PROJECTS BENEFICIAL TO PEOPLE CONCERNED.

3. BULGARIA, IRAQ, YUGOSLAVIA, AND NEW ZEALAND JOINED SPEAKERS OF PREVIOUS DAY IN COMMENDING ADMINISTRATOR FOR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS.

4. U.S. DELEGATE STATED HE WISHED TO DISPEL IMPRESSION THAT COUNCIL HAD ALREADY MADE UP ITS MIND ON ISSUE OF AID TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND THAT VIEW WAS UNANIMOUS. HE SAID THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO ISSUE REGARDING RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION AND NO OBJECTION TO PROJECTS OUTSIDE LIBERATED TERRITORIES DESIGNED TO FURNISH TRAINING, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND THE LIKE, USG OBJECTED TO PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD CHANNEL UNDP ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN TERRITORIES BEING CONTESTED. U.S. DEL SAID VARIOUS ISSUES WHICH THIS PROBLEM RAISES FOR UNDP HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED ELSEWHERE AND WOULD REMAIN UNRESOLVED UNTIL OMNIBUS STATUTE WAS REPORTED OUT OF WORKING GROUP. OUR VIEWS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WERE ALSO WELL KNOWN. THEREFORE, HZ SIMPLY WISHED TO URGE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE STEPS WERE TAKEN WHICH WOULD RAISE PROFOUND QUESTIONS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND BUDGETARY NATURE.

5. U.S. DELEGATION WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING REFERENCE TO GOVERNMENTS INCLUDED IN PARA. 3 OF DRAFT DECISION PRIOR TO FORMAL INTRODUCTION. FOLLOWING UNANIMOUS ACCEPTANCE OF DECISION, BRAZILIAN DEL STATED FOR RECORD HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT UNDP ASSISTANCE COULD BE PROVIDED ONLY TO ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENTS.

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